





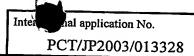
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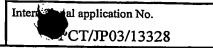
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	No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
1. Statement					
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES		
	Claims		МО		
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-6	YES		
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES		
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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)